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THOMAS YORKSHIRE.

Augusta County Court, July 20, 1831.

It is ordered to be certified that it appear by satisfactory evidence to this Court that Thomas Yorkshire, aged about 81 years (enlisted to serve three years) on the 19th day of December, 1776, under Captain John Syms of the 10th Virginia Regiment and that he served out the three years complete in the United States service; that afterwards in the year 1780 he again enlisted in the Virginia service under Colonel Sampson Mathews in Staunton, to serve during the year, that he was taken a prisoner at Blueford's defeat in the State of North Carolina, paroled and so remained till the peace succeeding the Revolutionary War, and that in the year 1792 he again enlisted and served three years in Wayne's Army—that about the year — he placed in the hands of Jacob Kinney, Esq'r (then a delegate from this county to the General Assembly of Virginia) his military land warrant to obtain a patent, and with it, his discharge &c. which the said Kinney alleged in his life time were all lost, mislaid or destroyed.

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS.**For the Main Army under Washington 1778-1779.**

FROM ORIGINALS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.)

(CONTINUED)

D. O. Paramus Saturday Oct'r 9th 1779.

F. O. Major Stephenson.

The whole Division to be in Readiness to march tomorrow morning by the Left. The Gen'l to beat at 8 o'clock And the Assembly at 9 o'clock.

the Deputy Q'r master Gen'l will Call on Gen'l Woodford this Evening for instruction Major Cabell will furnish Cap't Booker

with the Non Comissioned officers & privates wanting to Compleat the Light Infantry & Col'o Phebecca's Return.

For police Captain Jones

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D. O. Kakiate, Sunday Octr 10th, 1779.

The quarter master is to order all the waggons able to bring Forage to parade tomorrow morning at 6 Oclock at Smiths Tavern.

A Detachment of a 150 men properly Officered are to parade at the Same time with the Waggon. Another party of 150 men properly Officered is to be Ready to march at 8 oclock.

The Commanding officers of Each of these Detachm'ts Will Call on General Woodford for Instructions This Evening or Early in the morning.

No musket to be Discharged in the neighbourhood of Camp upon any pretence whatever without the particular permission of the Brigadier or Officer Commanding the Brigade not Only the Officers Comm'dg Guards but every other officer is Requested to bring Delinquents to punishm't for this unsoldier-like practice.

Straggleing & Distruction of the farmers property is also Strictly forbid as we are now in a Possition much more Liable to be Visited by the Enemy, than any we have been in this Campaign. The Greatest Vigilents in the Officers Commanding Guards as well as Strictness in the field Officers of the Day is indispensably necessary. Gen'l also hopes that the Officers will see the necessity of the Strictness of Diciplain in Every particular Instants.

For the late in the Season the present prospect of affairs promises the most active part of the Campaign.

For Detachm't Majors Clark & mitchel.

D. O. Kakiate, Oct'r 12th, '79.

F. O. Col'o Gist.

The Forage masters to be very carefull in Issuing the Forage and see that no person Draws who is not Entitled to it by Gen'l Orders & Regulations of Congress

The Waggon masters to pay particular attention to the manner of their waggoners feeding their Horses and see that no waist is Committed

The Gen'l Order of the 8th Instant Respecting the Exercise of the Troops to take place immediately.

two fatigue Parties Consisting of a Sub Serg't & 20 men Each to parade tomorrow morning at 6 oclock with proper Tools (for which they will apply to the Q'r M.) The Officers Commanding these parties will take their Order from Major Cabell.

D. O. Kakiate, Oct'r 13th, '79.

F. O. Col'o Gibson.

The Subs picquet upon the Road Laid'g to Generals Wains Camp to be taken off and the officer with one half the men to Go as a patroll to Slaughters landing to Remain there untill the morning when they are to Return and the Officer to make his Report to Gen'l Woodford the like patroll to be sent off Every morning while we Remain at this place Major Cabell will Give the officer his instructions

For police Cap't Tabb

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D. O. Kakiate, Oct'r 14th, '79.

F. O. Colo Brent

For Police Cap't Mceleney.

For the day Adj't Bound.

Head Q's, West point, Octr 8, '79.

The Honourable they Congress on the 28th Septem'r was pleased to pass the following Resolve—and his Excellency the president adds that the Important business in which Congress have been Engaged—has prevented an Earlier attention to the Brilliant action at Powlis hook.¹

Resolved that the Thanks of Congress be Given to Major Gen'l Lord Sterling for the Juditious Measures taken by him to forward the Enterprise and Secure the Retreat of the party.

Resolved that the thanks of Congress be Given to Major Lee² for the Remarkable prudence address and bravery Displayed by him in the Action & that they approve the Humanity shown by him in Circumstances prompting to Severity as Honorable to the Arms of the United States and Corrospondant to the Noble principals on which the were assumed.

Resolved that Congress Entertain the higher Sense of the Diciplin and fortitude manifested by the Officers and Soldiers under the Comm'd of Major Lee in the march Action & Retreat and while with Singular Satisfaction, the acknowledge the Merit of these Gentlemen.

They feel and additional pleasure by Considering them as part of an army, in which very many brave officers and Soldiers have proved by their Chearfull performance of Every Duty under Every Difficulty that they ardently wish to Give The Truly Glorious Example they now Receive.

Resolved that Congress Justly Esteem the Milatarry Caution So happily Combine with Daring Activity By Lieu't McCollaster & Rodolp³ in Laiding on the forlone hope—Resolved that a medal of Gold Emblematical of this affair be Struck under

¹On July 19, 1779, an American force under Major Henry Lee ("Light Horse Harry") captured Paulus Hook, a British fortified post on the present site of Jersey City, and captured 159 prisoners.

²Henry Lee of Westmoreland county, Va., (1765-1818), captain, major and lieutenant-colonel in the Revolution; Governor of Virginia, &c., and father of Robert E. Lee. He received from Congress a gold medal for the capture of Paulus Hook.

³Lieutenant Archibald McCallister of the 1st Maryland regiment, and Lieutenant Michael Rudolph of Lee's Light Dragoons.

the Direction of the board of Treasury and presented to major Lee.

Resolved that Brevets and the pay & Subsistance of Captain be Given to Lieu'ts McCollister & Rodolph Respectively.

Resolved that the Sum of 15000 Dollars be put into the hands of Major Lee to be by him Distributed amongst the Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers of the Detachment he Commanded at the attack & Surprise of Powlis hook in Such manner as the Commander-in-Chief shall Direct.

Resolved That the pay and Subsistance of Cap't be Allowed to Lieu'ts Gibbens and Knox⁴ the Officers who Laid on the forlorn hope in the Late attack at Stoney point and also to M'r Archer the bearer of the Gen'ls Letter Volunteer Aid, to Commence from the Date of their Respective Brevets Voted by Congress the 26th of July last.

G. O. Head Quarters, Oct'r 9th, '79.

The Gen'l flatters himself that every Officer from a Consciousness of its being his Duty and a Laudible desire of being well acquainted with the new System of Regulations, has paid all that Care and attention to the Study of them which importance of the Case Requires, but Least there should be any, who by Absence or other Causes have not had Apertunity of perfecting themselves therein. He earnestly Recommends the Closest application, they will not only Consider the Awkwardness of a Situation which betrays Ignorance of essential Duty—but the fatal Consequences which may Result from it in a Critical Moment.

The Inspector Gen'l and his assistants will have it in charge shortly to go into a full Examination of an enquiry into these matters.

⁴Lieutenant James Gibbons, 6th Pennsylvania regiment; afterwards, as Major James Gibbons, long a resident of Richmond, Va., where he died July 1, 1835. Lieutenant George Knox was of the 2d Pennsylvania.

D. O. Kakiate Tuesday Oct'r 12th 1779.

Field Officer Major Meriwether.

For police Cap't Moody.

For the day Adj't Meriwether.

Head Quarters, Oct'r 5th, '79.

The Commander in chief Requests that Commanding Officers of Corps will immediately Call upon their Respective Officers who are absent from Camp and not Employed upon Special Commands or who have not Obtained present furlighs, on the point most primaraty time to Join their Corps without a moments Delay, a Period may arrive in this Campaign and perhaps is very near at hand when the Absence of Officers unless the have powerfull Reasons for it may fix Endialiable Stigmay upon them this Consideration if motives of publick Duty are not Sufficient of themselves ought to bring Every one under the above Discription to their Respective Com'ds.

Head Q'rs Morris hous Oct'r 8th, '79.

tomorrow the Troops will begin to Exercise in the following manner

2 Regm'ts by brigades will Exercise from 9 to 11 oclock in the morning And from 3 untill half past 4 in the afternoon for this purpose for the Duty is to be Don Regimentally as far as possiabile.

Each Regm't will form a Battallion as Compleat as possible absolutely not under the number of them first in the ordinance Each Col'o will Comm'd the battallion and will perform the following Exercise

1st the Manuel Exercise

2d To wheel by platoon to the Right and Left, to march the Regm't in the ordanairy Step to form it again in the Same place which it has quitted

3d To advance in battallion in the ordinary Step.

4th To Retire in Battallion in the Same Step

5th To fire by platoons Division & Battalions Standing

They Inspecters will assist in the Exercise and will see that noting is Done Contrary to the principal Establish'd in the Regulations

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D. O. Kakiate, Oct'r 15th, '79.

F. O. Lieu't Col'o Ball.

For Detachment Lieu't Col'o House Major Stephenson.

Great Complaints are made of the Soldiers Plundering the Inhabitants of Nights. The Officers Commanding picquets are to have the Roads in the Neighbourhood of their Guards Patrolled and to Confine Any Soldier that may be found Stragling after Retreat beat'g and Deliver him prisoner to the Quarter Guard of his Regm't. The Commanding officers of Regm'ts are also Requested to have their Rolls Called Several times of a night and to take Such other Efectual methods as may appear to them Necessary to prevent this Shamefull practice.

The Deputy Quarter master Gen'l has fixed upon a wood Of the Left of Gen'l Muhlenbergs Brigade from which the whole Troops are to be Supplied and no person is to get wood hereafter at any other place.

All the Waggon's are to parade tomorrow morning at 6 Oclock to Go out for Forage 150 Men properly Officered are to march with the Waggon's. Another party of 150 men are to march at 8 oclock to Cover the Foragers.

The Officers Commanding each of these parties are to take their Orders from Gen'l Muhlenberg.

Colo Washington³ is to send a Detachm't of Horse properly Officered to patrol in front of the Foraging party.

The Quarter masters are to Give the necessary Orders to the Forage and waggon masters to attend to the Loading their waggons and when the Forage comes in, is to order proportion of it to the Cavalry.

For police Cap't Armstead.

For the Day Adj't Linton.

³ Lieutenant-colonel William A. Washington, 3d Dragoons, a native of Virginia, but afterwards well known as General Washington of South Carolina, where he died March 6, 1810.

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G. O. Head Quarters, West point Oct'r 13th, '79.

As many Soldiers who have Lately Joined the Army have not been Sufficiently Taught the first principals of the Exercise, The Troops will in Every Exercise in Detail, And the Officers must take perticular Care in Instructing their Men the Exercise by Battallions to Continue Every morning as before.

Such Officers as are not with Espontoon are to Apply immediately Through their Brigade Q'r M. to the Q'r M. G'l for a Supply.

D. O. Kakiate, Oct'r 16th, '79.

F. O. Lieu't Col'o House.

For Police Captain ———.

For the day Adj't Merewether.

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D. A. O. Kakiate Oct'r 16th, '79.

An additional picquet of 1 Sub 1 Serj't and 18 privates to mount at the Cross Roads upon our Right Where Lieu't Porterfield will Coduct them—

The present picquet on the Paramus Road is to be moved, So as to be half way between the Meeting House and the Cross Roads. The Q. M. is to See that Every horse belonging to the Division is Immediately Removed to paster in our Rear— And that it may not be again Necessary to Repeat this order. The Cavelry is also to Remove from the front and take quarters in the Rear agreeable to former Orders. This is not to be Delayed Longer than tomorrow morning.

For piquet.....1 Private.

D. O. Kakiate, Sunday, Oct'r 17th, '79.

F. O. Lieu't Col'o Allison.

This being the Anniversary of the Convention of Saratogue it is to be Selebrated by the discharge of 13 pieces of Cannon to begin on the Right of the Division at 5 Oclock This Evening and to pass on to the Left.—Captains Baytop & Shingleton will furnish themselves with the Number of Cartridges necessary. The Troops are to parade in front of their Encampm't previous to the fireing And when it is over to Give three Cheers.

The Gen'l is very Sorry it is not in his power to Order Something for the men to Drink upon this occasion But it Shall be made up when any Liquor Arrives.

The Field Officer of the day will make the picquet acquainted with this Order that they may not be Alarmed.

For police Cap't C. Ewell

For the Day Adj't Cary

(To be Continued.)
